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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I think the three-year lawsuit against Microsoft is flawed and unjustified. Microsoft has not done anything that can be called monopolistic. Instead, Microsoft has done wonderful things for our nation, including creating jobs and wealth, as well as making technological breakthroughs.

I think it is ridiculous that Microsoft is being forced to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. Microsoft has spent vast amounts of time and money to develop and innovate. They should not be penalized for being the most successful company in the IT industry.

I urge your office to finalize the settlement, although it is flawed, because the alternative of further litigation would be detrimental to our nation's IT sector and economy. I believe it is time to discard the liberal Democrat notion that every competition has to end up in a tie. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ronald Skaggs

cc: Senator Don Nickles